

MR. MILLIGOT: I was going to say good morning. But, I'll say good afternoon. My name is Bob Milligot [phonetic], and I'm a hunter and angler who's here on behalf of myself. I want to talk a little bit -- I'm a Colorado native. I've lived in Colorado all my life. And I've hunted in this State for over 40 years -- an angler all of my life. And my concern is not whether or not we take the coal out of the ground. My concern is the aftermath -- what do you leave it like once the coal is gone? During this PIS -- PEIS, I would like you to look at habitat reclamation standards and strengthen them as much as possible so that we can make sure that the wildlife that sustain these communities once the coal is gone is still there so that they can bring it back. I think we need to have adequate and ongoing monitoring of these reclaimed areas to make sure they are stabilized and are in good shape so that we can consider them closed. Reclamation grazing plans need to be adhered to. We're putting cattle back onto unstable soils. We need to make sure those soils are stabilized prior to a significant grazing. Also, it should be pointed out that there are times when sportsmen's dollars pay for those grazing plans. And any reclamation reforms to the Coal Leasing Program need to include strong requirements for enforcement and monitoring of reclamation plans as conditions of bond release. We also need to stop self-bonding. We need to make sure there's adequate funding there to make sure we can get the reclamation done at the end of the project. There's been a lot of talk about jobs. I just want to reiterate one thing. It's important to remember that hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation are longstanding and sustainable economic drivers that provide jobs and economic stability to these rural communities. Declines in wildlife habitat have direct impacts on hunting, fishing, and wildlife tourism, and the revenue they contribute to these local communities. Just -- I've got a couple of figures. I know there's been a lot of figures that have gone around today. According to the Colorado statewide [indiscernible] outdoor recreation plan, in 2014, statewide outdoor recreation contributes 34.5 billion -- that's with a B, in annual economic activity in the State of Colorado; and 313,000 jobs. Of that, in the Northwest and North Central, there are 91,000 jobs that are directly related to outdoor recreation. That represents one in three adults that live in that area. It is essential that we take care of our wildlife

resources and make it just as good when we came to take the coal out of the ground when we leave it. Thank you. Have a nice day.